Bribe to Senior Officers of Nagpur Airport

637. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that money is being openly accepted by the Senior Officers of the Nagpur airport from several persons and agencies which come in their contact, in return for favours like encroachment on Airport land, allowing Airport Vehicles for commercial use, illegal cutting of grass, etc.;

(b) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted in these matters;

(c) if so, what are the findings; and

(d) what action is being taken on such officers?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Civil Aviation Policy

638. PROF. NAUNIHAL SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has already framed a comprehensive civil aviation policy;

(b) if so, what are its salient features, the details thereof;

(c) whether Non Resident Indians have been treated at par or differently in the case of equity in domestic airlines;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether foreign airlines equity is permitted in domestic airlines; and

(f) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (d) the Draft National Policy on Civil Aviation is awaiting approval of the Government. After approval, salient features of the policy, including the role of Non-Resident Indian will be announced.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Indian Airlines flights to Porbandar and Kandla Airports

639. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines do not operate its flights to Porbandar and Kandla airports of Gujarat despite these airports being operational;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Indian Airlines propose to start operating its flights to these airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Indian Airlines fleets of Airbus-300, Airbus-200 and Boeing-737 aircraft cannot operate to small airfields like Kandla and Porbandar. Indian Airlines has no immediate plans to start its services to these airports, as smaller aircraft in its fleet (Dornier) are committed to operate in the North-East and Lakshadweep.

हाजियों के नाम पर एयर इंडिया को आवंटन

640. **श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणे:** क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) 3 सितम्बर, 1997 के जनसत्ता में "हाजियों की आड़ में एअर इंडिया को खैरात बांट रही है सरकार" नामक शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार के बारे में सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है;

(ख) इस सम्बन्ध में यात्रियों की धार्मिक भावना क्या है; और

(ग) सरकार इस सम्बन्ध में क्या कार्रवाई करने का विचार कर रही है?